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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION OF TOSCO IN DOE OIL SHALE TEAM

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MANY THANKS FOR YOUR TELEX OF MAY 31. SINCE WE
LAST CORRESPONDED, SAADI HAS GIVEN US DETAILED DEBRIEF
OF HIS RECENT US TRIP. HE ALSO REVIEWED PROPOSAL HE
MADE IN WASHINGTON TO INITIATE QUOTE PROGRAM OF
BILATERAL COOPERATION IN MOROCCO'S ENERGY DEVELOPMENT
UNQUOTE. IN RESPONSE, USG HAS OFFERED TO SEND TWO
ADVISORY TEAMS. ONE WOULD BE DOE-SPONSORED TECHNICAL
TEAM TO REVIEW MOROCCO'S OIL SHALE POTENTIAL. SECOND
WOULD BE AID-SPONSORED TEAM TO REVIEW MOROCCO'S ENERGY
SITUATION MORE GENERALLY, MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON AREAS
FOR POSSIBLE PRIORITY ACTION, AND EXPLORE USG AND
MULTILATERAL FINANCING POSSIBILITIES. FOLLOWING THIS
WORK, AID TEAM WOULD EXAMINE POSSIBILITIES FOR
BILATERAL USG/GOM COOPERATION IN NON-CONVENTIONAL
ENERGY RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PRIMARILY SOLAR ENERGY)
WHERE AID MIGHT CONTRIBUTE SOME FINANCING DIRECTLY.
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SAADI'S MINISTRY IS ANXIOUS TO HAVE BOTH DELEGATIONS
VISIT MOROCCO, PREFERRING THAT DOE TEAM PRECEDE AID
TEAM SO THAT RESULTS OF FORMER CAN BE FED INTO WORK OF
LATTER. IN LATEST EXCHANGE WITH SECGEN SKALLI WE
LEARNED THAT HE WOULD LIKE DOE TEAM TO ARRIVE IN SECOND
HALF OF JUNE FOR STAY OF ABOUT ONE WEEK AND HAVE CABLED
THIS INFO TO WASHINGTON. WE HAVE NO INFO ON COMPOSITION

OF DOE TEAM BUT SUGGEST YOU CONTACT NELSON SIEVERING
IN DOE'S OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS FOR FURTHER
PARTICULARS.

AM LOOKING INTO STATUS OF TOSCO'S PROPOSED QUOTE
MINIMUM PROGRAM UNQUOTE, BUT HAVEN'T YET LOCATED
INDIVIDUAL WHO CAN ADVISE. WILL LET YOU KNOW WHAT I
FIND OUT. WARMEST REGARDS.

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